

# AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 5, 2001, the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

# AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF THE MACE OF THE HOUSE AFTER ADJOURNMENT TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOR REPAIRS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 223) and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 223

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed, on behalf of the House of Representatives, to deliver the mace of the House of Representatives, following an adjournment of the House pursuant to concurrent resolution, to the Smithsonian Institution only for the purpose of having necessary repairs made to the mace and under such circumstances as will assure that the mace is properly safeguarded; Provided, however, That the mace shall be returned to the House of Representatives before noon on the day before the House next reconvenes pursuant to concurrent resolution or at any sooner time when so directed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# WISHING A GOOD RECESS PERIOD TO THE STAFF OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the will of the House that all those kind souls and good people who staff this body have a very good recess period during the month of August.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BE-REUTER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

# REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE MEASURES TO FOCUS APPROPRIATE ATTENTION ON NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION, COMMUNITY POLICING, AND REDUCTION OF SCHOOL CRIME

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 193) requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. STUPAK. Reserving the right to object, but I do not intend to object, Mr. Speaker, I introduced this resolution along with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOEFFEL) to emphasize the importance of crime prevention at the local level and to recognize the efforts of National Night Out.

I am pleased to say that this resolution has bipartisan support with over 64 cosponsors.

I would like to specifically thank the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER); and the ranking members of the Committee on the Judiciary; and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Crime; and the leadership on both sides of the aisle in helping to bring this measure to the floor.

Our resolution calls upon the President to focus on neighborhood crime prevention, community policing programs, and reducing crime, and to issue a proclamation in support of National Night Out.

Mr. Speaker, last year over 32 million people participated in National Night Out. These 32 million people joined together and sent a message loud and clear that they do not want crime in their neighborhoods and streets and that they will keep working together until their communities are safe.

Each of us will be returning next week to our districts for the August recess. I hope each Member will take the opportunity to participate in a National Night Out event in their community and show the strength of our national commitment to stop crime and keep our communities safe.

Our resolution also urges President Bush to continue to focus national attention on reducing crime and to issue a proclamation in support of National Night Out, which is such an important national event. National Night Out

brings communities together; and when we come together with our neighbors, our community leaders, our families, our unity leaves no room for crimes.

It is a testament to what we can do together, and I am proud to see the House pass this resolution in support of such a program.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced this resolution along with Representatives CURT WELDON and JOE HOEFFEL to emphasize the importance of crime prevention at the local level and to recognize the efforts of National Night Out. I am pleased to say that this resolution has bipartisan support, with 64 cosponsors. I would like to specifically thank the Chairman JIM SENSENBRENNER, and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Crime Subcommittee, and the leadership on both sides of the aisle for their help in bringing this measure to the floor.

Our resolution calls upon the President to focus on neighborhood crime prevention, community policing programs and reducing school crime and to issue a proclamation in support of National Night Out.

National Night Out, which is coming up on August 7, is a successful national program which exemplifies the goals of crime reduction through neighborhood and community efforts. It is a nationwide event which combines a nationally coordinated crime prevention campaign with local community groups and law enforcement organizations to take a stand against crime.

This year's National Night Out is the 18th annual event in the campaign by National Association of Town Watch to fight crime. National Night Out has grown year after year, and now includes citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9,500 communities from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

Last year over 32 million people participated in National Night Out. Those 32 million people joined together and sent a message, loud and clear, that they don't want crime in their neighborhoods and streets, and that they will keep working together until their communities are safe.

I firmly believe that a focus on neighborhood and community crime prevention is essential. It is for this reason that I have long supported the COPS program in the Department of Justice, and that I am such a strong supporter of National Night Out. As a former police officer who used to fight crime on the local and state level, I can tell you these programs work. Personal involvement in one's community, individual attention to our youth, taking responsibility for ourselves and for others, these things make a difference.

Each of you will be returning next week to your districts for the August recess. I hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in a National Night Out event in your community, and show the strength of our national commitment to stop crime and keep our communities safe.